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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Application Branch

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ANALYSING METHOD AND DEVICE
WITH A VIEW TO THE AUTOMATIC
SORTING OF PRODUCTS SUCH AS
PIECES OF FRUIT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified applica-
tion as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 4-8, 11, 13 and 14 have been amended as
follows:

--4. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in claim
1, wherein a speed of rotation of the rollers (3, 4) is
determined which is adapted so that a product of average
diameter undergoes a rotation on itself with an angle of
rotation substantially equal to 125.5° between the first and
second stations (5, 6), and with an angle of rotation
substantially equal to 109° between the second and the third
stations (6, 7).--

--5. (amended) An analysing method as claimed in claim
2, wherein the distance between the first and second stations